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SUBJECT: FOURTEENTH VIETNAM WEEK HELD IN SWEDEN

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SUMMARY: SWEDISH UNITED FNL GROUPS (DFFG) HOLD FOUR-TEENTH BIENNIAL VIETNAM WEEK. FACED WITH REALITIES OF CURRENT SITUATION IN VIETNAM, DFFG HAS REVISIED ITS GOALS BUT CONTINUES TO FOCUL ATTENTION ON VIETNAM AND INDOCHINA. WEEK' S ACTIVITIES ATTENDED BY ONLY HALF THE NUMBER OF FORMER PARTICIPANTS AND MEDIA ATTENTION WAS MINIMAL. QUESTION REMAINS WHETHER DFFG WILL FIND NEW GEOGRAPHIC OR OTHER AREA OF ACTIVITY IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE QUOTE COMMON FRONT UNQUOTE OR WHETHER IT WILL SPLINTER, WITHER AND DIE AWAY. END SUMMARY.

1. SWEDISH UNITED FNL GROUPS (FDDG) SPONSORED FOUR-TEENTH BIENNIAL VIETNAM WEEK IN SWEDEN MARCH 24- APRIL 1. MANY OBSERVERS HAVE BEEN WONDERING WHAT DFFG WILL DO IN FUTURE WITH ITE ELABORATE APPARATUS (130 LOCAL CHAPTERS,
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10,000 MEMBERS PLUS LARGE BUT UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ADHERENTS, QUOTE VIETNAM BULLETIN UNQUOTE PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED IN 65,000 COPIES EIGHT TIMES A YEAR, COLLECTIONS SINCE 1965 OF ALMOST 7 MILLION KRONOR FOR VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS AND OWN OPERATION). IF THE ACTIVITIES AND EMPHASIS DURING THIS PAST VIETNAM WEEK ARE ANY INDICATION, DFFG MAY HAVE DECIDED TO MAINTAIN EMPHASIS ON INDOCHINA, REVISING THEIR GOALS TO THE CHANGED SITUATION. ON OTHER HAND THEY WILL PROBABLY BE UNABLE ATTRACT LARGE DEGREE OF PUBLIC RESPONSE AND INTEREST AS IN 1969-1972.

2. DFFG QUOTE DEMANDS UNQUOTE, AS PROCLAIMED BY BANNERS CARRIED BY DEMONSTRATORS AND AS CONTAINED IN PETITIONS SENT TO EMBASSY, INCLUDE FOLLOWING THEMES: THE (JANUARY 1973) PEACE AGREEMENT IS A VICTORY FOR VIETNAMESE PEOPLE; USA AND SAIGON MUST FOLLOW AGREEMENT; SAIGON MUST RELEASE THE POLITICAL PRISONERS; SWEDISH GOVERNMENT MUST RECOGNIZE PRG; AND SWEDISH GOVERNMENT MUST STOP ITS SUPPORT (SIC) OF THE DOLLAR.

3. ACCORDING DFFG ORGANIZERS ABOUT 20,000 PERSONS PARTICIPATED IN 40 DEMONSTRATIONS AND 130 MEETINGS THROUGHOUT SWEDEN LAST WEEK. ABOUT 3,500 PERSONS MARCHED IN DOWNTOWN STOCKHOLM(NO INCIDENTS AT EMBASSY, TRADE CENTER OR CULTURAL CENTER) AND 2,000 IN GOTHENBURG, ACCORDING POLICE ESTIMATES. THIS LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION IS DOWN TO ABOUT HALF OF 1971-72 ACTIVITY AND MUST CLEARLY BE A DISAPPOINTMENT TO DFFG LEADERS. A PARIS REPRESENTATIVE OF GRUNK, NAMED AS MR. IN SOKAN, AND SWEDISH POLITICAL ECONOMIST PER HOLMBERG WERE SPEAKERS. HOLMBERG, A SOCIAL DEMOCRAT WHO A Y
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